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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE: SUP-  
PORT OF SPANISH INSTITUTE, NEW YORK

1. AS REQUESTED AT FEB 24 MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE,  
CU/WE DIRECTOR STRAUS ACCOMPANIED BY SPANISH CULTURAL  
ATTACHE WASHINGTON AND REPRESENTATIVE OF SPANISH CONGEN  
NEW YORK VISITED SPANISH INSTITUTE AND DISCUSSED ITS PRO-  
GRAM AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WITH VARIOUS OFFICIALS CON-  
NECTED WITH INSTITUTE. AMONG THESE WERE: CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD, AMBASSADOR ARTHUR DEAN; CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE, JAMES J. PHELAN; AND VICE CHAIRMAN, DR. CARLETON  
SPRAGUE SMITH. STRAUS ALSO TALKED AT LENGTH WITH SPANISH  
CONSUL GENERAL AND MRS. SILVIA FERNANDEZ, EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE.

2. AS RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS  
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A) RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF THE INSTITUTE'S MORTGAGE  
MUST BE RESOLVED BY OTHER MEANS AND HAS NO DIRECT BEARING  
ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. WE UNDERSTAND  
FROM CONSUL GENERAL LOPEZ HERCE THAT THIS PROBLEM IS  
ABOUT TO BE RESOLVED.

B) THERE IS A NEED PERCEIVED BY ALL PARTIES FOR A THOROUGH REVISION OF THE PROGRAMMATIC ATTITUDE OF THE INSTITUTE TO MAKE ITS SERVICES AVAILABLE TO A BROADER SPECTRUM OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND TO ENLARGE ITS INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP TO ASSURE A VIABLE BUDGETARY BASE.

3. AS A RESULT OF THESE CONCLUSIONS, STRAUS RECOMMENDS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE THAT IT AUTHORIZE A BRIDGE FINANCING GRANT FOR OPERATING EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED 50,000 DOLLARS FOR EACH OF THE NEXT THREE YEARS PROVIDED THAT THE INSTITUTE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO SO REVISE ITS PROGRAMS THAT BY THE END OF THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD, OR EARLIER, IT WILL BE ABLE TO MEET ITS OPERATING EXPENSES WITHOUT FURTHER SUBSIDY.

4. STRAUS ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT A JOINT COMMITTEE DECISION ALONG THESE LINES BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE INFUSION OF MONEY COULD BEGIN WITH THE COMING FISCAL YEAR OF THE INSTITUTE WHICH BEGINS JULY 1.

5. ACTUAL GRANT-IN-AID WOULD BE EXECUTED BY WAY OF GRANT-IN-AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN SPANISH INSTITUTE AND DEPARTMENT (CU) ON BEHALF OF JOINT COMMITTEE AND WOULD CONTAIN USUAL SAFEGUARDS CONTAINED IN SUCH GRANT AGREEMENTS.

6. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE DIFFICULTIES, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU DISCUSS ABOVE WITH SPANISH CHAIRMAN OF JOINT COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND OBTAIN HIS CONCURRENCE. CONSIDERING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO INSTITUTIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT A TATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED, WE BELIEVE THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHAIRMAN DE LA SERNA AND RESIDENT CHAIRMAN RYLANCER WOULD BE ENTIRELY SUFFICIENT TO GET THIS PROGRAM OFF THE GROUND. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR VIEWS.

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